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entation, and, as such, demands the same protection and due process as other groups.

Secondly, Perkins decries what he calls "pro-gay brainwashing campaigns, homosexual propaganda, and abusive diversity and sensitivity training." Yet he feels no compunction about using anti-gay propaganda and inflammatory statements, with no factual basis or respectable, quantifiable research, on what goes on in gay and lesbian bedrooms. He has no qualms about using ignorance and fear in his anti-gay brainwashing campaign, and he sees nothing wrong with stepping up the attack should Amendment 2 be overturned by the Supreme Court.

I guess this is his idea of a "rational debate."

I can't help but think that the advancement of the family and even family values would be greatly enhanced if Perkins went back to his day job and left his anti-gay job. Then perhaps we could all get back to the business of promoting unity, tolerance arid equal access for all.

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Perkins redux

To the Editor:

I read with amusement Will Perkins' editorial in the Your Turn section of last week's paper (*Independent*, Feb. 21). I'm sure he meant to sound sincere and forthcoming in his article, but the whitewash couldn't quite cover the glaring hypocrisy of his stance.

He starts by defending Amendment 2 as a measure aimed against homosexual "behavior" being given "special rights." This highlights the crumbling foundation of their beliefs. Homosexuality is no more a "behavior" than heterosexuality is. I know of many gay men and lesbians who are celibate, either because they are waiting to meet Mr. or Ms. Right or because they are not dating or interested in a relationship at this moment. Clearly, there is no homosexual behavior happening in their lives, yet they consider themselves homosexual. Straight people aren't straight only when engaging in sexual activity with someone of the opposite gender, women aren't female only during menstruation, African-Americans aren't African-American only when celebrating Black History Month, disabled people aren't disabled only when searching for the disabled parking spaces at the mall, and gays and lesbians aren't homosexuals only when engaging in sexual activity with someone of the same gender. Why? Because homosexuality, like the above labels, is not based on behavior but identification and ori-

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Senior winger Jason Christopherson would have been booted off the ice, and campus, had the Student Conduct Committee had its way. On Jan. 31, committee members — four students, a faculty member and an administrator — unanimously found Christopherson, 23, guilty of having non-consensual sexual intercourse. They suspended him for the rest of the school year, with the understanding that he could

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istopherson, who could face diate suspension if he discusses se, ignored repeated requests interview. Neither did he tes-before the Student Conduct nittee; its proceedings are taped ould be used in a courtroom, criminal charges be filed.

a professor who discussed the with Christopherson says the nt affected him deeply. "He ying on the phone, and I could e was profoundly upset and ed," says the professor, who not to be named. "He realized s a mistake and a horrible, rot-ng that happened, but he does-ieve he's a sexual assaulter."

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